(b) and (c) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that there are no licences pending with nationalised banks for opening branches in Aligarh District. Opening of branches of nationalised banks under the extant branch licensing policy is a continuous process which is governed by licences issued by RBI in this regard. Hence, at this stage it is not possible to project the number of branches of nationalised banks that will be opened in Aligarh District.

Export of Pearl Ornaments

2409. SHRI KAMLA MISHRA MADHUKAR : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether ornaments made of pearls are exported from Mehsi in Poorvee Champaran district; Bihar;

(b) if so, the value of pearl ornaments exported during the last three years, year-wise and the names of countries to which these ornaments are being exported;

(c) whether the Government have formulated any scheme to develop this industry and increase the exports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b) Separate data on district-wise exports of items are not maintained by the Government.

(c) and (d) The Government has notified in the Current Import-Export Policy, 1990-93 in Chapter XXI, Part II, five schemes for export of gold and silver jewellery and articles which inter-alia include pearl studded jewellery.

Making self employment scheme more effective

2410. SHRI ASTBHUJA PRASAD SHUKLA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government propose to make more effective the self-employment scheme; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH) : (a) and (b) The performance of various self employment schemes such as the Scheme for providing Self Employment to Educated Unemployed Youth (SEEUY), Self Employment Programme for Urban Poor (SEPUP) and Scheme for Urban Micro Enterprises (SUME) are periodically reviewed by the Board of Directors of Public Sector Banks, Reserve Bank of India and Government of India and steps, as are necessary, taken to make the self employment schemes more effective and responsive to the needs of people. The implementation of these Central Government sponsored schemes are also kept under review in the District Level Consultative Committees and State Level Banker's Committees consisting of the officials of the banks and State Governments.

Outstanding Income-Tax Against Big Business Houses

2411. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state. :

(a) the names of the 20 big business house in the country and the amount of income-tax outstanding against theme ; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to recover the income-tax dues from them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) The names of the 20 big business houses in the country ranked in order of their assets during 1989-90 are given in the enclosed statement.

Each of these business houses comprises a large number of companies. The Central Board of Direct Taxes maintains information only in respect of those companies which individually owe income-tax of Rs. 10 lakhs and

above. The total amount of income-tax demand outstanding against these business houses in respect of such companies was Rs. 393·76 crores as on 31-3-1991.

(b) Out of the total demand of Rs. 393·76 crores, demand of Rs. 290·61 crores was not enforceable as on 31-3-1991 either because the demand had not fallen due for payment or recovery thereof had been stayed or the payments had been made by the assessees but were yet to be verified and adjusted in the departmental records. A large part of the demand is disputed in appeals and appellate authorities have been requested for disposal of appeals on priority. In suitable cases payment of demand in instalments had been allowed. Recovery action in all these cases is regularly monitored at the level of Commissioner of Income-tax and above for taking suitable legal and administrative steps to recover the tax dues.

Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the business house
1.	Tata
2.	Birla
3.	Reliance
4.	Thapar
5.	J. K. Singhania
6.	Larsen & Toubro
7.	Modi
8.	Bajaj
9.	Mafatlal
10.	M. A. Chidambaram
11.	Hindustan Lever
12.	United Breweries
13.	T. V. S. Iyenger
14.	ITC.
15.	Shri Ram
16.	A .C. C.
17.	Oswal Agro
18.	Mahindra & Mahindra
19.	Essar
20.	Kirloskar

Procurement of Cotton by Cotton Corporation of India

2412. SHRI SURYA NARAYAN YADAV : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the total production of cotton in bales during 1990-91;

(b) the number of bales procured by the Cotton Corporation of India during 1989-90 and 1990-91 and the price per quintal paid by the Corporation State-wise;

(c) the number of bales of cotton exported and their sale price in rupees as well as in foreign currency; and

(d) the details of loss/profit to the Cotton Corporation of India during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT) : (a) The production of cotton during the 1990-91 cotton season has been estimated at 115 lakh bales by the Cotton Advisory Board.

(b) to (d) A statement is attached